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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 26, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- In the prior art applicant is aware of United States Patent No. 4,913,301 which issued to Pickler on April 3, 1990 for a Refuse Container, United States Patent No. 3,782,579, United States Patent No. 2,540,698 which issued to States on February 6, 1951 for a Combination Receptacle and Bin and Great ~~Brian~~ Britain Patent No. 594,221 to Harvey accepted November 5, 1947 for Improvements in Bunkers, Bins and like Receptacles. What is neither taught nor suggested, and which it is an object of the present invention to provide, is the improved rigidity in a modular dumpster as exemplified by the embodiment set out below.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- A further advantage of the modularity of the dumpster of the present invention is that the panels and lids are interchangeable so that, whereas in the past if a side panel or lid of a welded dumpster became damaged, the entire dumpster had to be destroyed or returned to the fabricators, if a panel or floor of the dumpster of the present invention becomes damaged, that component may be simply replaced by the end user. In the modular design of the dumpster of the present invention, the front and back walls may be sized for a common fit as between all of the various models, that is, two yard (standard), three yard, four yard, six yard, and eight yard containers, whether they have square tops or so-called cathedral tops, wherein ~~3~~ three yard front and back panels, ~~4~~ four yard square front and back panels, ~~4~~ four yard slope front, cathedral ~~6~~ six yard front and back panels, are interchangeable, and wherein ~~4~~ four yard slope back, ~~6~~ six yard square front and back panels, ~~8~~ eight yard square and cathedral front ~~& and~~ back panels are interchangeable.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The fastener bracing means may include a first panel hollow reinforcing member and a second panel hollow reinforcing member mounted across, and on an outer surface of, the first and

second panels respectively so as to extend from the opposite side edges of each of the first and second panels. Each end of each reinforcing member may have, mounted in parallel across each end, a first reinforcing insert and a rigid end enclosure so that the each end is a reinforced end. On the third and fourth panels, the fastener bracing means may include third and fourth panel hollow reinforcing members mounted across the third and fourth panels respectively. Each of the third and fourth panel hollow reinforcing members are mounted on an inner surface of the third and fourth panels respectively. Each of the third and fourth panels may have rigid flanges formed along opposite side edges thereof. The rigid flanges extend orthogonally relative to the third and fourth panels and inwardly into the container. Ends of the third and fourth panel hollow reinforcing members may be adjacent for example so as to abut corresponding rigid flanges. Second reinforcing inserts may be mounted in each end of the third and fourth panel hollow reinforcing members, the reinforcing members aligned so as to horizontally align the fastener receiving apertures formed through each of the first and second panel hollow reinforcing members, the first and second panels, the rigid flanges and each of the second reinforcing inserts.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The first and second panels may each further include a lip extending along each ~~the~~ side edge of the first and second panels so as to overlap an outer surface of the side edges of the third and fourth panels. Each lip may have at least one fastener aperture therein, and the third and fourth panels would then also have corresponding fastener apertures therein aligning with the fastener apertures in each lip. Second fasteners, which again may be bolts, may be mounted therethrough. Thus in one embodiment the fastener apertures are bolt holes sized to snugly receive bolts journaled therethrough either into threaded engagement therein or so as to protrude for threaded engagement with corresponding threaded nuts.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 26, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Each side panel has a reinforcing bar 32 rigidly mounted along the upper edge of the side panel, on the inside surface of the side panel. Each side panel has an inwardly turned rigid

flange 34 formed along the length of its opposite front and rear edges. Reinforcing bar 32 extends between the front and rear rigid flanges 34 and is rigidly mounted thereto. Reinforcing bar 32 has a sloped lower edge 32a which slopes downwardly towards the floor panel. Sloped edge 32a is inclined downwardly towards the floor panel of the dumpster so that when the dumpster is inverted to unload its contents, the contents will not hang up or catch against the reinforcing bar. In a preferred form reinforcing bar 32 may be secured to sidewalls 14 by either spot welding or by epoxy. To facilitate such connection, tabs 33 are integrally formed at the upper and lower edges of bar 32 and provide a contact surface for positioning against the exterior interior surface of side walls 14a and 14b. Similarly, front and rear reinforcing tubes 40 may be provided with similar connection tabs 41. As may be viewed in Figure 6, lower connection tab 41a may optionally extend internally or externally of tube 40.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Horizontal reinforcing tubes 40 are mounted along the upper edges of front and rear panels 16a and 16b so as to extend from each side edge of each front and rear panel. Each end of reinforcing tubes 40 have, mounted in parallel across each end, reinforcing plates inserts such as 40a and end enclosures such as plates 40b forming reinforced ends of tubes 40 through which bolts may be rigidly mounted. Horizontally aligned bolt holes 42a, aligned along axis A are formed through, respectively, the outermost surface of reinforcing tubes 40, and through the sheeting of the front and rear panels 16a and 16b. Corresponding bolt holes continue through rigid flanges 34 and through reinforcing plates 32b mounted within reinforcing bars 32. Bolts 44 may then be inserted through bolt holes 42a and 42b so as to threadably engage, for example, threading within the bolt holes in reinforcing plates 32b or through for example threaded nuts (not shown) welded to plates 32b. The front panel is thereby bolted onto the side panels with rigid flanges 38 overlapped onto the front edges of the side panels. Overlapping rigid flanges 38 along the front edges of the side panels snugly engages rigid flanges 34 against the inner surfaces of front panel 16a so as to snugly nest the vertically extending corners formed between rigid flanges 34 and the front edges of the side panels into the corresponding corners formed between rigid flanges 38 and the front surface of front panel 16a. Similarly, flanges 36 on rear panel 16b overlap corresponding flanges 34 on the side panels so as to nest flanges 34 into the vertical

corners along the vertical edges of rear panel 16b, bolts 44 bolting the rear panel onto the side panels through bolt holes 42b.--